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1. The Lesany forced labor camp (tabor nucenych prací) has been set up in a village near Neveklov (Neweklau - 050/L 84). Prisoners remain here only until they are assigned to a permanent camp or are sent to a mine or a factory. The camp is bounded on one side by the Sazava River and on the other side by a double barbed wire fence. Fifty-four barracks, capable of holding 140 people each, have been built for the inmates, the headquarters personnel, and the 35 SNB guards. On 14 March, 330 persons, including 120 women, were in the camp. The food is bad, consisting mainly of black coffee, soup, bread, and potatoes.
2. Commandant of the Lesany camp is W/O (stabní strážmistr) Jaroslav Niederle, who has demonstrated sadistic tendencies. Deputy commandant is W/O Jan Kapitan. The SNB guards are armed with pistols and automatic submachine guns. The behavior of the guards is reported to be decent. Prisoners are allowed a degree of self-government. In March 1949, JUDr. (fnu) Novotný was chairman of the prisoners committee.
3. A camp in the vicinity of Kladno (N51/L 59) detains prisoners who work in the Zapotocky mine, located nearby. Three barracks, capable of holding 140 people each, have been built, and a fourth one is under construction. The commandant here is W/O (fnu) Weiss, who reportedly is rough and rude. On 15 March, 400 prisoners were guarded by 15 SNB members and 10 factory militia-men. As the prisoners here receive the miners' ration, the food is good. Each prisoner is paid a salary of 100 Kcs a month for which he is required to perform the most difficult jobs in the mines under the supervision of Communist miners.
4. Another camp near Kladno holds prisoners who work in the Konev

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